Director

CGIAR Research Program on Livestock Agri-Food Systems

The CGIAR Research Program (CRP) on Livestock Agri-Food Systems seeks to sustainably increase productivity of small-scale livestock systems to support inclusive sustainable intensification for food and nutrition security and poverty reduction, and enhance resilience of livelihoods. Led by the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the Livestock Agri-Food System CRP combines the strengths of 5 CGIAR centers and 3 non-CGIAR partners, as well as a range of collaborators from the research, development and private sector communities around the world. Research will be undertaken in XX priority locations across Latin America, Africa and Asia

The Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP will be led and implemented by a Director, who will be selected by the Independent Steering Committee and report administratively to the Director General of ILRI and programmatically to the Independent Steering Committee.

The CRP Director is responsible for:

1. Providing intellectual leadership by developing a shared clear vision of impact-oriented research for development for Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP among participating centers and other partners;
2. Managing the Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP and ensuring that all program components are carrying out high quality research and meeting their milestones;
3. Proposing Flagship and Value Chain Leaders best qualified to implement the program’s vision and supervising their CRP assignments, and coordinating as needed with their home institution line management;
4. Coordinating preparation of Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP work plans, budgets, reporting, monitoring, and evaluation among participating centers and other partners;
5. Chairing the Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP Planning & Program Management Committee (PPMC), which makes strategic management decisions regarding program implementation and makes recommendations to the ILRI Director General and the Independent Steering Committee (ISC) regarding Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP policies and priorities for funding and resource mobilization;
6. Developing and implementing program monitoring & evaluation systems and results-based management strategies to ensure the effectiveness of the program;
7. Supporting the Independent Steering Committee (ISC) in its interactions with the PPMC, the ILRI Director General and the ILRI Board of Trustees;
8. Managing the Performance Implementation Agreement with the CGIAR Consortium Board and the agreements (PPA) with the participating centers;
9. Developing and managing partner relations both among the principal program partners and a range of other strategic research and development partners to ensure their optimal contribution to the program objectives;
10. Promoting and facilitating cross-CRP collaboration that ensures the integration of the CRP portfolio is strengthened and fully achieved;
11. Leading resource mobilization initiatives for major CRP-wide or cross-CRP proposals to bilateral donors to ensure the bilateral funded envelope is achieved with projects that directly implement the proposed CRP agenda;
12. Overseeing a communication strategy that builds internal ownership and external recognition of the CRP;
13. Ensuring gender and capacity development are mainstreamed and embedded across all areas of the research program’
14. Representing Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP to the CGIAR System Office, ISPC and IEA, and externally as needed; and
15. Supervising the Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP Management unit staff and budget.

Requirements:

1. PhD in a relevant discipline, including agriculture or social science;
2. At least 15 years of relevant experience, including an outstanding record in research management, in an international, multi-disciplinary, and multi-cultural environment;
3. Proven strong expertise in leading collaborative and cross-cutting research;
4. Familiarity with the current state of knowledge, policy, and practice across the Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP research agenda as described in the CRP proposal;
5. Proven fund-raising record;
6. Strong leadership and management skills;
7. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
8. Fluency in English with proficiency in other international languages preferred.